

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of inhibiting inflammation in a host, the method comprising:

contacting said host with an effective dose of [an inhibitor of] a compound that inhibits integrin linked kinase (ILK) as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

2. (withdrawn)

3. (withdrawn)

4. (original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said inhibitor comprises a small organic molecule.

5. (original) The method according to Claim 4, wherein said molecule blocks ILK catalytic activity.

6. (original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said inhibitor decreases the available level of [PtdIns (3,4,5) P₃] in a cell.

7. (original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein said inhibitor is wortmannin.

8. (original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein said inhibitor is LY294002.

9. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein cellular migration is inhibited.

10. (currently amended) A method of preventing inflammation in a host, the method comprising:

contacting said host with an effective dose of [an inhibitor of] a compound that inhibits integrin linked kinase (ILK) as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

11. (withdrawn)

12. (withdrawn)

13. (original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein said inhibitor comprises a small organic molecule.

14. (original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said molecule blocks ILK catalytic activity.

15. (original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein said inhibitor decreases the available level of [PtdIns (3,4,5) P₃] in a cell.

16. (original) The method according to Claim 15, wherein said inhibitor is wortmannin.

17. (original) The method according to Claim 15, wherein said inhibitor is LY294002.

18. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein cellular migration is inhibited.

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